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Report Highlights:

MY2002 tomato paste production is estimated at about 265,000 MT, significantly higher than last year's production of 185,000 MT. High domestic paste prices and increased export demand contributed to the production increase. Turkish tomato paste exports in MY2001 were 117,831 MT compared to 134,914 MT the previous year. MY2002 exports are expected to recover and reach 155,000 MT.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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General Summary

MY2002 production of tomato paste is estimated to be up significantly to 265,000 MT compared to 185,000 MT in MY2001. The increase in production can be attributed to an increase in domestic paste prices. Domestic paste prices increased due to declining stocks and larger demand from some export markets. Production declines in some of the leading producing countries in the Mediterranean basin (Italy and Tunisia) also stimulated higher prices and an increase in Turkish production and exports. Suitable weather during the industrial tomato growing season caused the season to extend and yields to improve.

Domestic tomato paste consumption, which experienced a significant drop in MY2001 due to the domestic economic crisis after many years of continued growth, is improving gradually and is expected to reach 107,500 MT in MY2002.

Available data indicate that during the MY2001 exports of Turkish tomato paste declined to 117,578 MT compared to 134,914 MT in MY2000 and 190,638 MT in MY1999. Japan was the leading importer (21,101 MT) followed by Russia (17,520 MT) and Saudi Arabia (12,443 MT). Turkish paste exports are expected to recover and reach 155,000 MT in MY2002. Turkish paste exporters quoted FOB US\$600 per ton at the beginning of the season but recently, export prices have increased to US\$700.

Domestic tomato paste stocks continue to be lower than usual due to low production in MY2001 and larger than expected exports during MY2002.

Retail prices for processed tomato products increased fourteen percent during the last six months – slightly below the local inflation rate -- due to abundant local supplies.

The E.U. is not permitting Turkey to utilize its 30,000MT duty-free paste export quota due to disagreements over Turkey's meat import obligation. Negotiations are still continuing with the E.U. to prevent the 15 percent import tax on Turkish tomato paste.

PSD Table						
Country	Turkey					
Commodity	Tom. Paste,28-30% TSS Basis				(MT)(MT, Net Weight)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		09/2000		09/2001		09/2002
Deliv. To Processors	1725000	1725000	1100000	1200000	1350000	1700000
Beginning Stocks	25035	25035	38121	38121	3121	5290
Production	265000	265000	170000	185000	220000	265000
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	290035	290035	208121	223121	223121	270290
Exports	134914	134914	100000	117831	110000	155000
Domestic Consumption	117000	117000	105000	100000	107500	107500
Ending Stocks	38121	38121	3121	5290	5621	7790
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	290035	290035	208121	223121	223121	270290

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Turkey		
Commodity	Tom. Paste,28-30 % TSS Basis		
Time period	MY2001	Units:	Metric tons
Imports for:			1
U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others	
Total for Others	0		0
Others not Listed			
Grand Total	0		0

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Turkey		
Commodity	Tom. Paste,28-30 % TSS Basis		
Time period	MY2001	Units:	Metric tons
Exports for:			1
U.S.	1053	U.S.	
Others		Others	
Japan	21101		
Russia	17250		
S. Arabia	12443		
U.A.E.	6539		
Malaysia	5177		
Philippines	4379		
Germany	4477		
Kuwait	3359		
Georgia	2701		
Egypt	2402		
Total for Others	79828		0
Others not Listed	36950		
Grand Total	117831		0